Welfare Centres of Grih Kalyan Kendra

*228. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Welfare Centres which have been set up by the Grih Kalyan Kendra (GKK) in Tamil Nadu together with their names and the locations;

(b) whether Government have any plan to set up more such centres during the current year in Tamil Nadu especially in Madurai; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) Eleven Welfare Centres at eight locations have been set up by Grih Kalyan Kendra (GKK) in Tamil Nadu as under:

Location	Centre/Activity
1. Samaj Sadan at K.K. Nagar, Madras	Craft, Nursery and Production
2. Samaj Sadan at Anna Nagar, Madras	Craft and Nursery
3. Basant Nagar, Madras	Craft
4. Custom House, Madras	Craft
5. A.G.'s Office, Madras	Craft
6. Madras Port Trust Colony, Madras	Craft
7. Income Tax Office, Nungambakkam, Madras	Craft
8. Shastri Bhavan Office Premises, Madras	Craft

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Labour relations in Domestic Airlines

*229. SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRI MOTURU HANU MANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review labour relations in the domestic airlines in view of several recent strikes; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) In industrial relations, Government expect disciplined conduct and harmony between management and workers. It should be the endeavour of both sides to resolve differences amicably and work together towards attainment of higher productivity, provision of better service and realisation of greater prosperity.

औरंगाबाद-भोपाल-खजुराहो विमान सेवा का आरंभ किया जाना

*230. **श्री राधाकिशन मालवीय:** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने यह घोषणा की थी कि औरंगाबाद-भोपाल-खजुराहो विमान सेवा 1 नवम्बर, 1992 से आरंभ की जाएगी; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस विमान सेवा को आरंभ न करने के क्या कारण हैं और इसे कब तक आरंभ किए जाने की संभावना है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद): (क) और (ख) जनवरी, 1992 में इंडियन एयरलाइन्स ने, बम्बई-औरंगाबाद-भोपाल-खजुराहो मार्ग पर 1 नवम्बर, 1992 से सप्ताह में तीन बार की उड़ाने शुरू करने की अपनी योजना की घोषणा की थी। प्रचालन कर्मीदल की कमी के कारण यह सेवा शुरू नहीं की जा सकी। चूंकि कर्मीदल की कमी अभी भी बनी हुई है, इसलिए इस समय इंडियन एयरलाइन्स की यह उड़ान शुरू करने की कोई योजना नहीं है।

Expansion of N.C.C.

*231. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to expand and strengthen the National Cadet Corps;

(b) if so, the targets fixed for the next five years;

(c) whether there is any target for the expansion of National Cadet Corps and whether this has been met; and

(d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken for strengthening of the National Cadet Corps?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) An additional cadet strength of 50,000 for the period between 1991 to 1996 has been sanctioned by the Government at the rate of 10,000 cadets per year. The proposed increase in the cadet strength for the years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 has been allocated to NCC Directorates for extending the NCC coverage to new educational institutions.

Based on the recommendations of the High Powered Evaluation Committee, Government has revised the aims and training syllabus of NCC, updated the training aids, and increased the number of vacancies in Attachment Courses and National Integration Camps.

No proposal for further expansion and strengthening of NCC is under consideration of the Government at present.

Flight from Ahmedabad to Nairobi

*232. SHRI CHHOTUBHAI PATEL:
SHRI JAGESH DESAI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to start a direct flight from Ahmedabad to Nairobi;

(b) whether the alternate suggestion of originating one of the existing flights between Bombay and Nairobi from Ahmedabad has been examined; and

(c) if so, what is the decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Direct flight between Ahmedabad and Nairobi was not found feasible due to inadequate traffic.

Investment in Pharmaceutical Industry

*233. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN:
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total investment in pharmaceutical industry and what is the rate of growth during last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that there has been a sharp decline over the years in percentage growth of production and formulations;

(c) what was the profitability in this industry in 1967-68 and as on date;

(d) whether it is a fact that due to decline in profit, industrialist-investors rate of growth and formulations have gone down;

(e) whether it is a fact that prices of drugs have increased, if so, what is the percentage of increase; and

(f) whether the drug industry has been asking for delicencing and decontrol and what are the implications of such demand indicating its negative and positive aspects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The total investment in pharmaceutical industry in the organised sector is about Rs. 1000 crores. On the basis of industrial approvals granted during the last 3 years, the percentage growth in investment indications over the previous year was 53% in 1991 and 44% in 1992.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) According to the Hathi Committee Report the Industry as an average was making gross profit of 15.47% on the net sales in 1969-70. This profitability of industry also included non-drug activities of the companies in this industry. The Gross Profit as percentage of net sales of 23 major companies in the industry relating to their drug and formulation activities only as reported by the companies varied from (−) 1.8% to 16.7% in 1991-92.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir. The increase in 1990-91 over the previous year was 6.6 percent and in 1991-92 over the year 1990-91 was 6.8 percent.

(f) Yes, Sir. A Background Note for discussion on the Review of Drug Policy, 1986 has been laid on the Table of the House on 12-8-92.

Seniority Principle in Appointments

*234. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that seniority principle in the matter of top-most bureaucratic appointments has not been strictly followed in recent times;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have been following an informal fast tract